THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) Field surveys and investigations for preparation of detailed feasibility report of Pamba-Achankovil-Vaigai link have been completed. The report is scheduled for completion in 1994-95.

(c) to (e) As per the preliminary feasibility report prepared by National Water Development Agency, the proposal envisages transfer of about 664 million cubic metres of surplus water of Pamba and Achankovil to water short area of Vaigai basin in Tamil Nadu. The project estimated to cost about Rs. 668 crores envisages 1 lakh hectare irrigation benefit in Tamil Nadu. The proposal also envisages 3 reserviors one each on Pamba Kal Ar, Achankovil Kal Ar and Achankovil rivers.

(f) All report on proposals studied by the Agency are formulated in consultation with basin States who are members of Technical Advisory Committee. Aslo consensus of concerned basin States is essential to decide project details, extent of participation by States, funding mechanism and schedule of implementation etc.

Targets and achievement of irrigation facilities

3416. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the target set and the achievements made in the creation of irrigation facilities during the Seventh Plan period;

(b) whether there was a wide gap between the targets and achievements thereof;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the targets and achievements so far in Eighth Plan period; and

(e) the projections made by the Ninth Five Year Plan period, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) The target and achievements for irrigation potential created for the Seventh Plan are as under:

Target	12.9 million hectares
Achievements	11.3 million hectares

(c) The major reasons for gap between targets and achievements *inter-alia* include (i) limited availability of resources, (ii) thin spreading of limited resources due to undertaking of a large number of new projects, (iii) delay in implementation of irrigation project, (iv) erratic power supply, (v) inadequate funds for operation and maintenance of projects/ schemes and (vi) inadequate flow of institutional investment.

(d) Against the target of 15.80 million hectares fixed for irrigation potential created for the Eighth Plan (1992-97), the achievement during 1992-94 is about 3.96 million hectares.

(e) No projections have been made for the Ninth Five Year Plan.

Amount spent on advertisement

3417. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state the details of the total amount spent by his Ministry on Advertisements given to the Newspapers directly or through DAVP etc. during the period 1992-93 and 1993-94, language-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Pattern Irrigation Project

3418. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the target date set for the completion of pattern irrigation project in Orissa;

(b) whether there has been an inordinate delay in the execution of this project;

(c) if so, the reason therefor;

(d) the steps taken to expedite the execution of this project; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) The target date for completion of Potteru Irrigation Project is June, 1996.

(b) and (c) The Project got delayed due to paucity of funds land acquisition problems and changes in the scope of work.

(d) and (e) Revised estimated cost of the project is Rs. 102.39 crores as approved in September, 1993. The share of the Centre is Rs. 94.83 crores. The Centre has released an amount of Rs. 70.36 crores to the State Government against their share. Further, Central Water Commission has been entrusted with the work of monitoring of this Project to ensure completion of the Project as per revised schedule.

Umarhat Pump Canal Stage-II

3419. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4625 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th August, 1993 and state:

(a) whether the investment clearance to the Umarhat Pump Canal, Stage-II estimated to cost Rupees 18.75 crores, has been obtained from the State Government;

(b) if so, whether the work on the project has been initiated alongwith the details of such work;

(c) how may cusecs of water will be lifted from Yamuna river on completion of this project and to which Canal the water thus lifted, will be diversed;

(d) what is the likely date of its completion and whether sanction for lifting of water from Yamuna has been taken from the Central Water Resources Ministry; and

(e) if not, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) Project report on Umarhat Pump Canal Stage-II has not been received in Central Water Commission for Techno-economic appraisal.

(b) The project has been included in the VIII Plan as a new scheme with an approved outlay of Rs. 5 crores. Being an unapproved scheme, no expenditure has been incurred on the project during first two years of the VIII Five Year Plan. Also no outlay has been proposed by the State Government for the year 1994-95.

(c) to (e) In the absence of the Project Report, details of water to be lifted, canal network to be used for diversion of water, schedule of completion cannot be specified.

निर्माणाधीन सिंचाई परियोजनाएं

3420. श्री राम जेठमलानी: क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मार्च, 1994 के दौरान देश में अनेक परियोजनाएं निर्माणाधीन थीं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनकी कुल संख्या कितनी है और उन परियोजनाओं की संख्या कितनी है जिन पर निर्माण कार्य उनके मूल निर्धारित समय सीमा से पीछे चल रहा है;

(ग) क्या उनके निर्माण में विलम्ब के कारण उनकी निर्माण लागत अत्यधिक हो गई है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो वित्तीय वर्ष 1993-94 के अन्त तक इनके निर्माण की मूल लागत की तुलना में इन परियोजनाओं की निर्माण लागत में कितनी वृद्धि हुई है; और

(ङ) इन परियोजनाओं के निर्माण को पूरा करने के लिये अपेक्षित अधिकतम समय सीमा क्या होगी?

जल संसाधन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी.के. थुंगन): (क) से (घ) 54,470 करोड़ रुपये, 4,797 करोड़ रुपये तथा 6,309 करोड़ रुपये की अनुमानित लागत को क्रमश: 158 वृहद, 226 मझौली और 95 विस्तार/नवीकरण/आधुनिकीकरण परियोजनाओं को आठवीं योजना में आगे लाया गया था। उपर्युक्त निर्माणाधीन परियोजनाओं में से योजना आयोग द्वारा 103 वृहद 165 मझौली तथा 20 विस्तार/नवीकरण/आधुनिकीकरण परियोजनाओं को निवेश स्वीकृति प्रदान की गयी है। इनमें से 92 वृहद, 159 मझौली तथा 17 विस्तार/नवीकरण/आधुनिकीकरण परियोजनाएं कार्यक्रम से पीछे चल रही है। उनकी लागत